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**UNION CONVENTION!**

A meeting of the Union members of the Legislature, in the House of Representatives, on Monday evening, February 16th, 1863, on motion, Hon. Joseph R. Underwood was called to the Chair, and John B. Bruner, appointed Secretary.

After a free and full consultation, it is recommended to the Union Democracy of Kentucky, that they assemble in Convention, through their delegates, in the city of Louisville, on the 18th day of March next, and nominate suitable persons as candidates to fill the various State offices, to be chosen at the next August election. It is further recommended that the people meet, at some convenient time and place, in their respective counties, and appoint delegates to represent them in the Convention.

J. R. UNDERWOOD, Chairman.

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**HAVE WE A REPRESENTATIVE MAN?**

Revolution and great disturbance generally are said to produce extraordinary activity of mind and to be signalized by extraordinary developments of genius. In the political world there is usually one who appears to be the incarnation of the spirit of the times, who, by his life and actions, typifies the collected will of the many. Our disturbances seem, however, to have produced no such marked character. There is no one in either section who seems to be a representative man. The reason of this may be that the causes of the rebellion were not such as attracted the sympathy of the people, and that their wishes have not yet been expressed. The time has not come, perhaps, for them to be spoken. Upon our side, however, this excuse is not available, as the duty of crushing a causeless rebellion seems undoubtful. We have only had a crowd of mediocrities, or, if any genius is to be found, he has been jealously excluded from display.

The only General we have who seems to have fully satisfied expectation is Rosecrans. In him the skill and energy necessary to success, the discipline, yet care, required to secure the affection and confidence of the soldier, and the strict adherence to his duties, are alone to be found. He has what is perhaps equally essential to success, and what is perhaps the consequence of these qualities—the name of a likely General. His career has been uniformly brilliant. Yet we can not presume that he has not had to contend with the obstacles which have obstructed our success, get comparatively very little. The work is done beautifully, as will be seen by comparing the little State of Rhode Island with the great State of Ohio. Rhody gets under this part of the arrangement \$7,450,000, and Ohio \$2,000,000! This was probably done to report to Camp Chase, Ohio, as a paraded prisoner, to await a proper exchange.

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## THE LAST FIGHT AT FORT DONELSON—A RELIABLE ACCOUNT.

[Correspondence of the Louisville Democrat.]

FORT DONELSON, Feb. 13, 1863.

Messrs. Editors: I have just made a visit around the fort, and have never seen any fortification on as grand a scale. I cannot see how our troops ever forced an entrance into this place. At a glance any one would suppose it would take at least 200,000 troops to support all the posts, with the outposts adjacent, to fully protect the whole works from a formidable attack by a heavy force. To say nothing of the brilliant victory of our arms in February last, the battle that has just taken place I consider one of the most brilliant of all our wars. Success is the touchstone of merit and is itself sometimes the cause of superiority. They have had little chance to gain this since the war began. Yet we must say, if there is a Clay or a Douglas among them, he has been very successful in retaining his obscurity. If there is a giant-killer in Congress, he has certainly been wearing Jack's invisible coat, and the garment has lost none of its qualities by time.

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The radicals, however, have no excuse. They have had every opportunity. Like the monkey that climbed the pole, the higher they get the more they have shown.

To think that, with the destinies of the first Empire of the world in their hands, with the lives and fortunes of living millions, and yet fit to come, confided to their care, they have done nothing that would satisfy any one but Diogenes in his tub, and that if that cynic philosopher were to light his candle in daylight, he would beat his steps in any other direction than towards the White House to find an honest man! They make noise enough. They are as thundering as a bull bellowing in an empty barrel—but it is all noise. This Congress, with its pretensions, its squabbles, its large attempts and useless performances, deserves an epitaph, and as it is soon ad-journed, we bower an old one for its benefit:

PARLIAMENT MOTES, NASECUM RIDICULUS MUS.

UNANIMOUSLY ACQUITTED.—Col. John W. Blake, of the Fortieth regiment Indiana volunteers, who was charged with drunkenness and disobedience of orders, at the battle of Stone river, by his immediate commander, Acting Brigadier General Wagner, and re-iterated by his division commander, Brigadier General Haswell, has been unanimously acquitted by a Court of Inquiry, and ordered to duty. The following officers composed the Court:

Brigadier General Chas. Crut, President. Col. Stanley Matthews, Fifty-first Ohio. Col. S. G. Harker, Sixty-fifth Ohio.

Col. Alex. Christopher, Sixth Ohio.

Col. Young, Twenty-sixth Ohio.

Col. Winterman, One-hundred-thirteenth.

Lieut. Col. Lyne Starling, Assistant Adjutant-General and Chief of Staff to Major General Crittenton, Judge Advocate.

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OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE LAST BATTLE AT FORT DONELSON.

HEADQUARTERS U. S. FORCES, FORT HENRY, HERMAN AND DONELSON.

February 16, 1863.]

Colonel: I desire to express my thanks and those of you to the officers and soldiers of your command, my warmest thanks for gallant behavior during the action of the 31st inst. Attacked by a determined enemy, outnumbering our own, and in a position of great danger, no man shrank from his duty. The result of the battle is now known to all. The rebels were beaten, and made a dash for their entrenchments. The rebels taking refuge in a charge, commenced a precipitate retreat in utter confusion. During this retreat the enemy's forces had rec'd playing on them, and the rebels were driven in disorder, fighting right with them to every ravine and almost every house in the place was riddled by ball and shell. One house, in which the rebels took shelter, had, I think, over a hundred shot holes in it, and a few hundred pieces of shrapnel exploded, causing several deaths from our sharpshooters. 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